

THE PEOPLES RIGHT TO CHOOSE

RE: THE LABELING OF IRRADIATED FOODS

November 1997, in Senate Bill S 830, Food Irradiation was passed into Law by the U.S. Government for application to the general food supply. Based on 5 inconclusive studies that failed to prove the safety of this technology. **Approval was based on a theory, not sound scientific facts.** This law effectively did away with labeling so we won't be able to know if we are eating irradiated foods. Due to the uncertainty of irradiated foods safety for human consumption, (In India, children fed Irradiated wheat, developed severe chromozome damage in 4-6 weeks), we deserve proper labeling, with warnings as to possible hazardous and negative health effects such as; cancer, chromozome damage, mutated offspring, testicular tumors, enlarged spleens, vitamin destruction etc., as witnessed in the 5 tests done on animals, used to prove its safety.

Nor have the formation of "UNKNOWN RADIOLYTIC PRODUCTS" been identified or settled.

This request is in keeping with other label laws as enforced by the FDA regarding food safety.

We the citizens of these United States of America are requesting the governing body of this great country to reinstate comprehensive labeling laws on Irradiated foods treated with *Gamma Ionizing Radiation*. Said labeling to be prominatly displayed in large, clearly defined and readable letters, including any logos, such as:

THE RADURA



- Labels must be on on each and every food stuff for; commercial, institutional, and privately sold to the public, that has been treated with Gamma Ionizing Radiation, and include large monetary penalties to be levied for not labeling.
- This law must also include requirements for environmental impact studies, to be done especially regarding the slighting of Irradiation facilities, the movement of portable Irradiation facilities and the transporting of nuclear materials through our communities such as; Cesium 137 and Cobalt 60. Community wide announcements must be made and open to public comment and consent to build a nuclelar Irradiator in said community or to transport nuclear waste into or through our communities.
- This law must also include requirements for the safe disposal of nuclear wastes produced by the Irradiation facilities. Uranium recovered during the food Irradiation process, by privately owned facilities, must be strictly regulated, secured and sufficently bonded to financially cover against accidents, spills and terrorists attacks. Not paid for by tax payers.

• Since the safety of these technologies has not been proven to be safe for human consumption and /or use and their is considerable evidence that these technologies put humans at risk for cancer, chromozome damage and other negative health risks,

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